

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An informing system for informing a user through a local area network, the informing system comprising:

a properties file producing device that produces a properties file showing at least one of the following; whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs, whether the informing job will be performed automatically or manually, a range of the informing job, and which communication apparatus will perform the informing job; and

an informing device that informs the user according to the properties file produced by the properties file producing device.

2. The informing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the informing device turns on the communication apparatus if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

3. The informing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the local area network is a home network in a home.

4. The informing system as defined in claim 3, wherein the informing device turns on the communication apparatus if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

5. An informing system for informing a user through a local area network, the informing system comprising:

a properties file producing device that produces a properties file showing at least one of the following; whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs, whether the informing job will be performed automatically or manually, a range of the informing job, and which communication apparatus will perform the informing job;

a server that stores the properties file produced by the properties file producing device; and

an informing device that informs the user according to the properties file stored in the server.

6. The informing system as defined in claim 5, wherein the informing device turns on the communication apparatus if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.
7. The informing system as defined in claim 5, wherein the local area network is a home network in a home.
8. The informing system as defined in claim 7, wherein the informing device turns on the communication apparatus if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.
9. The informing system as defined in claim 5, wherein the server is one of a refrigerator and a telephone that can transmit and receive information through the local area network.
10. The informing system as defined in claim 9, wherein the informing device turns on the communication apparatus if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.
11. The informing system as defined in claim 9, wherein the local area network is a home network in a home.
12. The informing system as defined in claim 11, wherein the informing device turns on the communication apparatus if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.
13. An informing method for informing a user through a local area network, the informing method comprising the steps of:
  - producing a properties file showing at least one of the following; whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs, whether the informing job will be performed automatically or manually, a range of the informing job, and which communication

informing the user according to the properties file.